

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2007-2008 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome

DEST Question No. E112_08

Senator Crossin asked on 31 May 2007, EWRE Hansard page 78.

Question:

Senator CROSSIN—I see. Tuition for senior students is extended to Year 9. How many Indigenous students are accessing this?

Mr Greer—That program was implemented from the beginning of 2007. I do not have all the detail with me, but we are providing funding on two bases. To the extent that providers have agreed to take on the provision of ITAS for Years 9 through 12, we have entered into agreements with them. I understand that we have 20 of those agreements in place.

Senator CROSSIN—For example, you have an agreement with, say, the Northern Territory government, and you give the money to that government; is that correct?

Mr Greer—That is correct, for those—I would have to check to see whether it is with the Northern Territory government.

Answer:

Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme

1. Year 9 tuition under ITAS has been available from January 2007. Performance reports by providers, including details of numbers of Year 9 students assisted, are due by 31 May 2008.
2. At 10 July 2007, 29 education providers had agreements or were in the process of negotiating agreements to deliver Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 Tuition. These include the NT Catholic System, the NT Christian Schools Association, and the NT Department of Employment, Education and Training.